





## Outstanding women picked

**FOREIGN:** psychologists and "spies" for the dead? Or staged old Romeo-Paris, and popular culture TV journalist Gay Ombia-Inlon lead this year's The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TONS) awardists who were presented in the media at the Grand Hotel in Manila City yesterday.

Now on its 30th year, the TONS awards also include industrial engineers Anna Castillo Marica, teacher Madelon Carbon Galdino, teachers Beatrice Lys Duangpa and Elizabeth Freya Raposa, poet Josephine Barrios, movie actress and environmentalist Dale Olis-Gardner.

Journalist Cathy Galante, actress lawyer Mariche Lambino, fashion designer Eliza Ong and insurance executive and president of the Philippine Stock Exchange Alicia Lina Morales Arroyo.

The TONS awards will be grand opening ceremonies in Malacanan on Oct. 26, with President Macapagal-Arroyo presiding the affair.

# Rich general in RP but can't be found

By Alvin Pags

**THE HANOI** Names of the Philippine members around the globe for Maj. Gen. Carlos E. Garcia are still in the country and would be made to face charges before the Ombudsman.

AFF Public Information Office chief Lt. Col. Daniel Larena made the announcement yesterday as he told reporters that some groups outside the military have set up to sue the Garcia case "for political reasons."

The AFF said Moxhey's had suspended Garcia per request of the Ombudsman for his failure to declare all his assets in his Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN). The Ombudsman also said the suspension of Garcia's net worth was disproportionate to his legitimate income. And two-star general, Garcia's salary is P766,323 a month.

"He/Garcia is still in the country, he has not left. We are confident he will face the charges against him," Larena said.

The lawyers went to Garcia's house in Camp Aguinaldo to get his side but a

company working in the garage said no one was home. Calls to Garcia's cell phone were answered by a recording. Yesterday was the second day the media had tried to speak with the general.

Larena said the last time the AFF heard from Garcia was Monday. He did not elaborate.

On Sept. 28, the Ombudsman ordered the AFF to place Garcia under "preventive suspension for a period of six months without pay" on charges of dishonesty, gross misconduct and "conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service." The Ombudsman gave Garcia 30 days to answer the charges.

Larena warned the controversy could spark more talk of destabilization in and outside the military.

"We have to face the fact there will be some groups who will use this for political reasons. We are anticipating this. Based on our experience, it is not far-fetched that dubious groups might exploit this."

He said the AFF was exploiting the Garcia case in the hope to be held as "an initiative meant to reform the Armed Forces."

During the 2003 military last year, rebel soldiers calling themselves the Magdalo group had denounced corruption in the military. Only two weeks ago, the leaders of the soldiers apologized to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

### Class of '71

Garcia, a member of Philippine Military Academy Class '71, was named AFF commander USA on March 13, 2000. The 36 is the chairman of the AFF and handles its budget and finances. He was relieved on March 13, 2001, and transferred to Plans and Programs USA.

Yesterday in February, the office of AFF Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya received a report that one of Garcia's sons was held at the Jay Prisoners airport in the US for failing to declare \$100,000 that he was carrying.

In an attempt to explain the origins of the money, Garcia's wife Gloria admitted her husband "received travel money and expenses in excess of thousands of dollars" and that she often traveled with him with shopping money amounting to more than \$20,000.

His Garcia was Maricar reported to have stated in an affidavit that her husband also received cash for travel and expenses from Europeans and Asian companies that had been awarded contracts for military hardware.

He also received gifts and "gratuities" money from Philippine companies that were awarded military contracts to build roads, bridges and military housing, she said.

Abaya, Garcia's classmate at the PMA, immediately ordered the Office of PMA's Records and Public Accounts, ability (OASPA) headed by another classmate, Vice Admiral Antonio de los Angeles, to investigate Garcia.

Pags, Ballo Galar (Galar, 2nd Div., Panatag City) and a spokesman said a congressional inquiry into the matter.

Rep. Prospero Pichay (Luzon, 1st Div., Baguio del Sur) said Garcia's revelations to the US authorities were enough evidence for the filing of plunder and graft cases against her husband.

"Suspension is not enough. He should be criminally charged," Pichay said. **WFF-Cynthia E. Richani**



# AFP says it's ready to thwart NPA offensive

By Alcuin Papa

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines said yesterday it was ready to face the threat of increased attacks by the New People's Army after the Communist Party of the Philippines ordered its armed wing to step up offensives against military and police targets.

"The Armed Forces is capable of preventing the NPA from stepping up their attacks. We are taking the battle directly to them. We will not wait for any threats," said AFP Public Information Office chief Lt. Col. Daniel Lacero.

He added: "We are prepared and we have trained our people enough. We have sufficient armaments and training."

Lacero also said the military had scored significant successes against the communist rebels in recent weeks.

"If we are to look at the recent incidents ... we have achieved a lot of tactical victories," he said.

In a statement the other day, CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal said the NPA had been ordered to launch bigger and more frequent "tactical offensives" against government forces whenever the opportunity presented itself, "to accelerate the overthrow" of the government.

The United States and the European Union had branded the CPP and the NPA as terrorist organizations. This led to the cutting off of funds from sympathizers and the freezing of the insurgents' assets.

The terrorist tag was one of the reasons the peace talks between the government and the National Democratic Front, the umbrella organization of the CPP and NPA, were scuttled. The NDF had demanded the removal of the terrorist tag as a condition for the resumption of the negotiations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo on Tuesday blamed communist and Muslim separatist insurgencies and the high jobless rate for hunger and poverty in the Philippines.

"We cannot shut our eyes to the truth of hunger and poverty. The immediate causes are unemployment in the cities, and pockets of conflict in the countryside," she said in a written statement.

The conflicts were highlighted by fierce clashes between government troops and communist rebels over the past week that left at least 19 people dead and several others wounded, as the 35-year-old insurgency appeared to be heating up, The Associated Press reported.

In the largest number of casualties,

the army said eight NPA guerrillas were killed in an encounter Saturday outside Pinaranda town in Nueva Ecija.

The soldiers, who suffered no casualties, recovered an assault rifle, ammunition, cellular phones and bloodied sacks believed to have been used as stretchers for wounded rebels, army spokesperson Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual said.

In the fighting Sunday, soldiers clashed with about 10 guerrillas in Compostela Valley province, killing three rebels. Three other guerrillas were captured and soldiers recovered four rifles, two grenade launchers and Claymore mines. There were no troop casualties.

On Friday, guerrillas killed four policemen on their way to a market in Davao Oriental, east of Compostela Valley. On the same day, soldiers and police captured three guerrillas in Pampanga.

The previous day, two soldiers were killed in a fire-fight with guerrillas in Cagayan province, while one civilian was killed and four soldiers were wounded in another clash with rebels in Palawan.

A day earlier, a gun battle between the NPA and the military in Apalit, Pampanga, left one guerrilla dead.

The rural-based Marxist rebellion by the guerrillas is one of Asia's longest-running insurgencies and is considered the Philippines' most serious security threat.

Rosal on Monday warned of more attacks.

He said a three-year plan approved by the CPP's central committee last year aimed to double the strength of each regular combat unit in the provinces from 25 to 50 members through recruitment.

He didn't give exact figures of the guerrillas' current strength, but the military estimated they number 8,500 with 6,200 firearms after hitting a peak of about 25,000 rebels in the mid-1980s.

With AP, AFP

## Correction

IN YESTERDAY'S issue, a front-page story—Rio's last wish: Bibles for friends, relatives in wake—misstated the name of the US hospital where Rio Diaz died. She died at Daly City's Seton Medical Center—not Seton Hospital. The medical center is named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who founded the Daughters of Charity in America.

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## IKAW AT ANG SSS

Questions & Answers on Social Security

### New guidelines on Salary Loans Granting

The Social Security Commission, under Resolution No. 659 dated 10 December 2003, approved the revised guidelines on salary loans granting.

#### Who may qualify for a salary loan under the new guidelines?

An employed, currently paying self-employed or voluntary member (SE/MV) who has 6 posted monthly contributions for the last 12 months prior to the month of filing of application are eligible to file for a salary loan. For a one-month loan, the member-borrower must have 36 posted monthly contributions prior to the month of filing of application. For a two-month loan, the member-borrower must have 72 posted monthly contributions prior to the month of filing of application.

#### What are the requirements?

For an employed member-borrower, his employer must be updated in contributions and loan remittances. The member-borrower must be updated current in his other member loans such as educational, stock investment, NAFE and housing loans granted under the United Housing Loan Program (UHLP) or direct from SSS has not been granted final benefit (total permanent disability, retirement and death); not more than sixty (60) years of age at the time of application and he has not been disqualified due to loan committed against the SSS.

#### How much is the loanable amount?

A one-month salary loan is equivalent to the average of the member's latest 12 monthly salary credits posted. A two-month salary loan is equivalent to twice the average of the member's latest 12 monthly salary credits posted (rounded to the next higher monthly salary credit), but not to exceed P24,000.

#### How much is the interest charged on a salary loan?

The loan shall be charged a nominal interest of 10 per cent per annum. First year's interest shall be deducted in advance from the proceeds of the loan. Second year's interest shall be included in the monthly amortizations. A service fee of 1% of the loan amount shall be charged and deducted from the proceeds of the loan.

#### In case a loan is not paid, how much is the penalty interest?

Loan amortization not remitted on due date shall bear a penalty of 1 per cent a month.

#### How long will it take the members to pay back the loan and how does he pay?

The loan is payable within two years in 24 equal monthly installments. For employed member-borrowers, the first deduction from their salaries shall start on the second month following the date of loan. All remittances shall be made on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the applicable month of deduction to the SSS or to

any of its authorized banks. The employee is obliged to report to the new employer his obligations with SSS and shall allow the new employer to deduct from his salary the corresponding amortizations due, plus any penalty for late remittance of amortizations.

For self-employed or voluntary paying member-borrowers, the first amortization shall be paid to the SSS or any of its authorized banks on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the third month following the date of loan.

#### What is the responsibility of the employer?

The employer shall be responsible for the collection and remittance to the SSS of the amortization(s) due on the member-borrower's salary loan through payroll deduction. The employer shall require new employees to secure from the SSS an updated statement of account. The new employer shall continue the deduction and shall be accountable for remittance to the SSS.

#### In case of retirement or resignation, termination of employment, how can a borrower pay back his loan?

In case of retirement or resignation, termination of employment or cessation of operations of the company, the employer shall be required to deduct the total balance of the loan from any benefit due to the employee and shall remit the same in full to SSS. If the benefit(s) due to the employee or the amount thereof legally available for offset of obligations of the employee is insufficient to fully repay the loan, the employer shall report the unpaid loan balance to SSS.

#### What happens to the unpaid loan in case of member-borrower's death, total disability or retirement?

In case of member-borrower's death, total disability or retirement under the Social Security Act, the entire amount or any unpaid amount of the loan as well as the interest and penalty thereon shall be deducted from the corresponding benefit.

#### When can a member renew his salary loan with the SSS?

The loan may be renewed after the prescribed amortization period of two (2) years. Balance of P500 or less shall be deducted from the proceeds of the new loan.

#### Where can a borrower file his/her salary loan application?

A borrower may file his/her salary loan application (SSS Form ISL-10) Member Loan Application Revised March 2004 and present his/her digitized SSS ID card at the nearest SSS branch or representative office.

For more information visit the SSS office nearest you or call 880-6446 up to 65 or e-mail at member\_relations@sss.gov.ph.



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## The World

Editor: Lorraine B. Gueco

## It's Cheney, Edwards turn to debate

CLEVELAND—Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards take center stage in the race for the White House on Tuesday in a nationally televised debate that is likely to shape the final leg of the race.

US security issues had often will be stable domestic topics.

With polls showing the race for the White House tightening after last month's

debate between President George W. Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry, the stakes for the showdown between their running

mates have been raised dramatically.

Cheney, the administration's most

outspoken supporter of the war and hardest critic of Kerry, will make the White House's case for the invasion of Iraq and try to stem the momentum building for Kerry since he put Bush on the defensive in last week's debate.

Both campaigns' strategy, Matthew Driscoll said, Cheney would "inspire" to the American people why the president's policies are right for this country and the world in fighting the war on terror, and keeping us economy growing and expanding in the new challenges in the 21st century.

Edwards, a first-time senator from South Carolina who was chosen for the slot by Kerry after winning primary con-

tests, will try to put Cheney on the defensive about the administration's policies to Iraq, its record on civil and health care and its environmental issues, Kerry aides said.

"We expect John Edwards to hold Dick Cheney and George Bush accountable for their record," Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart said.

Cheney's previous role as a senior adviser in the administration, and a five-year police chief, have helped the governor Bush in polling race, have added new momentum to the vice presidential election, particularly a campaign in Illinois.

Cheney is portrayed by critics as the dark architect of the Iraq war. His move-

ing energy task force, along with his ties to energy giant Halliburton and the oil industry, have made him a lightning rod for Democratic complaints.

Edwards is expected to press Cheney about his role in formulating the administration's energy and Iraq policies, and on Cheney's connections to Halliburton, which's boosted from \$500 in 1990 and which's been leading US military contractors today.

"I think there is a very powerful argument that Dick Cheney's experience and his judgment and especially his ability to lay plans for the president has not been good for the American people," Kerry adviser Don Davidson said. *Associated*

## SpaceShipOne bags \$10-M prize, sets new record

MOSBY, Calif.—The world's first privately funded manned spacecraft soared in the Easternmost frontier of space for the second time in a week on Monday setting a new altitude record and clocking a 150-million-mile design-to-quit commercial space travel.

SpaceShipOne, a walloping three-ton rocket plane, soared to a height of 111,396 meters (365,354 feet) in target altitude without the least-scrapping launch into the void, the small-sounding *Right on* in Pasadena.

The *Triumph of Right*, which took place on the anniversary of the 1957 *Sputnik* launch, also edged the world altitude record for a manned rocket, set in 1967 by the Soviet's record 3-15 rocket plane.

"We are proud to announce that SpaceShipOne has made two flights to 300 feet and has won the *Ansari X Prize*," space entrepreneur Peter Diamandis, founder of the \$10-million competition, said in a statement at Mojave airport.

Thousands of spectators gathered inside the runway closed as the small globe took to the sky of California's desert for a week-long flight.

Walter Dornier, the 50-year-old former US Navy pilot who runs the events, emerged smiling from the craft's side hatch onto the runway, where he was met by his wife.

Also present were aircraft designer Burt Rutan, Diamandis' co-founder and chief, who funded the venture at a cost of over \$20 million, and British entrepreneur Richard Branson, who has financed the SpaceShipOne design for a series of future commercial flights.

Rutan said that while he became weightless he did feel out a paper model of SpaceShipOne and he is free fall in the cockpit with him as he stepped pictures. "There's a freedom there and a sense of wonder that I tell you what, you all need to experience," he said.

The \$10 million prize, aimed at encouraging the development of civilian space travel, was offered for the first time in by these people, in the lightest weight, to at least 300 feet in altitude and to a speed within two miles.

## Fighting erupts in Baghdad slum after car bombings

BAGHDAD—Heavy fighting erupted between US troops and Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City slum on Monday night after car bombs earlier killed at least 26 people in two bombings.

Witnesses said American AC-130 aircraft pounded suspected rebel positions in Sadr City but there was no immediate word on casualties and the US military said it had no information on the fighting.

The attack on the slum, a stronghold of Saddam's Shiite clerics Moqtada Sadr, was part of an offensive by US and Iraqi forces to crush a rebellion, insurgency and other back-ally of Iraq before elections scheduled for January.

Witnesses said they could hear the sound of AC-130 rapid-fire cannons as bombs struck Sadr City homes in more than one million people.

"I hear explosions. AC-130 planes were firing," said a Sadr City resident.

It would be one of at least 12 missile strikes in Sadr City.

Hostilities could be heard in Baghdad Sunday in the direction of Sadr City.

The fighting came after the car bomb attacks brought them closer to the slum of two Iraqis on the Shiite government's struggle to stamp out the insurgency ahead of upcoming polls.

More than 140 people were wounded as Sadr City slum in Baghdad and once in the southern city of Basra.

In the first Baghdad blast, a car blew up near an entrance to the heavily fortified Sadr City, home to the Shiite government, killing at least 10 people and wounding 60, a hospital official said.

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In Mosul, a car bomb exploded outside a primary school, killing five people, including two children, police said.

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FOLLOWED by a three-phase testing series, SpaceShipOne with pilot Brian Buesing at the controls glided back toward Earth after its first test flight on Monday. The test flight was the first of a series of tests planned for the next few months.

# Megawati concedes defeat in Indonesian election

JAKARTA—Indonesia's outgoing President Megawati Sukarnoputri on Tuesday tentatively conceded defeat in last month's elections, clearing the way for the nation's fourth president, Suharto, to begin his second term.

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US President George W. Bush congratulated Suharto on his victory.

"We look forward to working with... Suharto in further strengthening our ties and enhancing the welfare of our people," he said in a statement released by the US Embassy in Jakarta.

Suharto will be inaugurated Oct. 23. Military and regional governments will now be expected to work hard to ensure the nation's most populous Muslim area.

The president Megawati after her victory.

"Her speech was good," he said. "She has worked all of us to accept the results of the election." He was not in order to make a victory speech in the day.

The election was the first in which Indonesia's 23 million people voted for their president.

directly. It was praised as a landmark in the country's transition to democracy after the fall of Suharto in 1998.

Suharto will be Indonesia's sixth president, and the fourth since Suharto. The son of Sukarno, Suharto's 1965-1998 term has been overshadowed by violence.

The new president, who attended college training college in the United States, won 60.42 percent of the vote compared Megawati's 39.58 percent, official results showed. A total of 131 million people voted.

Media reports Tuesday quoted a member of Megawati's team as saying it had identified halting irregularities, which it may use in the future for an appeal to the country's Constitutional Court.

All Pilirowo acknowledged that the alleged irregularities in the polls, which were detected

late by local and international monitors, did not involve enough votes to influence the final result.

"Even though the vote that we are questioning are not significant, we cannot ignore the possibility that people's voice and cannot be disregarded," the foreign newspaper quoted Pilirowo as saying.

During the campaign, Suharto was accused of buying votes. But the nation's hunger for change was expressed by his group of the future and his future image.

Megawati, the daughter of founding President Sukarno, had become an icon of the reform movement during Suharto's 32-year dictatorship and was elected by the country's legions of poor but public perception, earned, with voters according her of failing to make campaign goal and of being

ing about and moving. Analysts say Suharto must quickly end his role in achieving his family's many problems—including several separate assassinations, a rampant economy and severe droughts—and risk losing support.

Suharto had the country's strongest support after Megawati's victory, and Suharto's government hope he will take a tougher stand against the 40-odd United Nations members in the world, instead of a more of a moderate line. He has 12,000 military battalions that killed 20 people.

The new leader has also said he wants a peaceful transition to the conflict in the southern province of Aceh, where separatist guerrillas have been fighting since 1975 for an independent homeland.



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Buck

## 2 US scientists win Nobel prize for medicine

STOCKHOLM—Two US scientists won the 1994 Nobel prize for medicine on Monday for showing how the sense of smell enables people to recall, for instance, the smell of spring flowers or the smell of a loved one's perfume.

Scientists Richard Axel and Linda Buck, who published their ground-breaking research in 1991, discovered a large gene pool controlling the olfactory system in the nose that directly sends signals through the brain and endocrine system.

"Until Axel and Buck's studies the sense of smell was a mystery," said Fred Benfante, director of the National Institutes of Health.

Columbia University professor Axel, 56, and 37-year-old Buck, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, discovered a large family of 1,000 different genes, three percent of the total in the human body, that give rise to an equivalent number of neurons in the nose that directly sends signals.

"In essence, it's quite an honest," Axel told Swedish radio after winning half of the 8 million-schilling (\$1.25 million) award from the Nobel Assembly of Swedish Academies.

Axel, who was traveling in San Francisco, later told a New York news conference via satellite: "The hope is that I can return to the laboratory with more genes intensely to try and address a number of unsolved problems of perception in the human."

He said he was interested in the position of "how the brain, which receives largely of sense cells and neurons, is capable of representing a meaningful and accurate way the richness of the external world."

At the Seattle research center, Buck said: "I am excited and quite surprised to receive this great honor."

"There is a lot to discover even though we've been working on this problem for 10 years," she said, referring to the olfactory system. "We're only scratched the surface of it." The Nobel citation said their work had "illuminated the role of the nose in distinguishing good and bad."

"A single class that is not found and will never mutate one from a sensory that will be in the nose and present in even larger in any dish, however delicious, with class in it," the citation said.

"One of the most... we unconsciously experience the smell of a blue flower in the spring and recall that olfactory memory is often times."

The winners, laureates in "olfactory receptor genes," are on the back of the nose and usually mouth.

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**FISHING**  
 A fisherman goes through his daily routine at a fishing village in Sorsogon town in Catanduanes. Fishing is the main source of income of residents in the town.



# Envoys get tight security in Davao

**DAVAO CITY**—Authorities have tightened the security in the city as foreign and local envoys are here to witness the Vene-Mindanao Exposition.

Col. Eduardo del Rosario, Task Force Davao commander, said he has coordinated with the Davao City Police Office (DCPO) in deploying heavy security personnel in strategic areas.

"We have secured the buildings where envoys are and have provided all the support to DCPO," del Rosario said, adding that the city has been keeping tight control, including foreign diplomats.

Four Latin American ambassadors and members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference arrived last week in Davao City and came to this city Sunday night to witness the Panguingui Data in the Davao City grounds, the main site of the Mindanao Exposition.

City Administrator Rodel Aranda said that by the end of the month, the ambassadors from European countries will also arrive.

Del Rosario said he has ordered the address to observe maximum tolerance in dealing with the protesting groups.

"Maximum tolerance will be implemented. Otherwise, they will show again for human rights violations," del Rosario said.

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Envoys have already in Davao, adding all hands at the city's international airport and other areas.

Anthony Alcala, POF Mindanao Bureau

## Filipinos in US raise money for classrooms

By Tony Berganza

**NEW YORK**—To ease the acute shortage of classrooms both here, Filipinos in New York have raised some \$24,000 for the construction of classrooms, including that in a former war zone village in Mindanao.

The Filipino branch of the church sent \$24,000 to the Foreign Secretary Office in Manila during a meeting at the Philippine Consulate in New York last week, to make use in New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly.

The sum was intended for the "Filipino Classroom Project" of the Philippine Consulate in New York, foreign affairs officials said.

Much of it would be used for the construction of four classrooms in Sorsogon, including a post office in Panguingui, Mindanao which had been torn by clashes between government troops and communist guerrillas in the past.

New a grant was, long it is used in 100 children and adults who are attending classes in makeshift classrooms.

### Educational TV

One of the donors specified that \$1,000 of the amount be allocated for the setting up of an educational television infrastructure of the existing Elementary School under the Educational TV project of network giant ABS-CBN.

To ease again classrooms that Filipinos in the US have seen for years the acute Filipino separation split. The donation comes from the heart of the US grant recipients community in the New York area, "General General Cecilia Hernandez" is a resident.

A portion of the fund would be allocated for the construction of a classroom each in the Mindanao region in Manila, Mindanao and Iloilo.

"By investing on ABS-CBN and helping in the education agenda of the President, we are also doing our share to promote peace and development in the region," del Rosario said.

Envoys expressed gratitude to the US grant recipients for their donation, saying he was "deeply touched by the kindness and generosity of the Filipino community."

The donation would go a long way in improving facilities in Sorsogon, long and other areas for a brighter tomorrow, he said, recalling that he had seen many children attending classes "under the most distressed conditions" in poor areas.

### Classrooms, classrooms

The project, which was released by del Rosario early this year, was designed to show support from the Filipino branch of the community for the construction of classrooms in poor, far-flung areas.

Many Filipino-Americans have welcomed the project, saying it was a good opportunity for them to provide the much back home with decent classrooms "conducive to learning."



NIDO PROBST

Probst of the ESD in Palo Alto City Hall in the ESD office then demanded the resignation of ESD head Winston Garcia.

## ROUNDUP

### 1 NPA rebels yield

LEONIA CITY — Two congressional aides from the Philippines are expected to find provisions contained in the military in a report. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, co-chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, said that the two aides are on the way to the Philippines to see the situation on the ground. The report will be a key factor in the Senate's decision on whether to approve the \$1.5 billion aid package for the Philippines. The report will be a key factor in the Senate's decision on whether to approve the \$1.5 billion aid package for the Philippines.

### Woman says found dead

CAJON VALLEY — A woman says she found the body of a man in a field near the border of the United States and Mexico. The woman, who is a resident of the United States, said that she found the body of a man who was about 30 years old. The man was found in a field near the border of the United States and Mexico. The woman, who is a resident of the United States, said that she found the body of a man who was about 30 years old.

### 3 killed in mishaps

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# Teachers press House for increase in salaries

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By Vincent Cordova

PHILIPPINE NEWS SERVICE

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# BUSINESS

## RP exports up 13.7% in August to \$3.4B

By Rosette W. Domingo

With its posted to become the Philippines' third largest export market as it rises from 13.7 percent in August to \$3.4 billion, from \$3 billion in the same month last year.

Trade Secretary Cesar F. Peralta said in a statement that the growth rate in August was the second highest recorded this year after May's 13.3 percent.

At the same time, trade in goods also increased 30 percent in August from \$2.1 billion to \$3.4 billion, compared to \$2.5 billion in the five-month average in 2001.

China's increasing appetite for local goods is one of the US's largest buyers of Philippine products in August, from \$1.5 billion in January.

"China will continue to be one of the major markets of the country," Peralta said. "If this trend continues, China will become one of the country's top three export destinations after the US and Japan."

Based on the August figures, Peralta said he was confident that the country would post a double-digit export growth for 2002.

"For this year, we expect our export growth to be at least 30 percent and 11 percent," he said. "We have faith in the capabilities of our exporters and in the marketability of our products."

Electronics, making up 45.9 percent of the total export shipment, registered a 16.4 percent to a 17.7 percent increase from \$1.25 billion in August to \$1.45 billion.

Germany, which made up 6.7 percent of exports, added \$223 million in 11 percent higher than \$200 million.

"Our electronic and petroleum products will continue to power the growth of our export sales," Peralta said. "We are now increasing our efforts to develop other market groups so that the country



WINDS OF CHANGE

A 100-kilowatt wind-blown hybrid power plant has been put up in the wind-prone province of Batangas, the first such commercial-scale project in the country. At right, Energy Secretary Vincent S. Peralta Jr. talks with an operator at the plant's control and private sector officials.



would have to rely on electricity."

Manufactured goods made up about 90 percent of all exports in August and grew 16.3 percent to \$1.1 billion from \$1.2 billion in the same period in 2001.

Intermediate goods made up 10 percent of exports.

Exports to the US rose 13.7 percent to \$3.4 billion.

The US's largest export categories were electronics, 45.9 percent; textiles and apparel, 16.4 percent; and metals and minerals, 13.7 percent.

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# Jasmania

## in Manila

The Fil-Am idol arrives in Manila today

Text and photos by Tina Yap

**S**INGAPORE—Jasmine Trias is up for a big surprise. This will be the first time she is setting foot on Philippine soil, the land of her parents. And the 17-year-old Fil-Am chick who grew up in Hawaii doesn't know what to expect.

She is here in the LionCity as part of the last leg of the "American Idol" (with Singapore as the last and only leg outside the US), along with fellow contestants: Dan Reed Lewis, George Hill, Denzelle Barrios, Diana De Garmis, La Vey Louisa and Jennifer Hudson.

In the final hour, Continental Singapore, Jasmine took the time out to chill and chat with the writer about her life before and after "Idol," her fondness for Filipino food and what she wants to meet when she gets to Manila.

I told her about her exposure to the Philippines—from her commercials and bill boards and print ads—*and* the audience before it.

She spoke in a very humble tone, under a bit, with the occasional gale giggle that made her eyes stare underneath. From the moment she walked into her as the Hawaiian girl with a flower on her ear, Jasmine has been riding on a wave, experiencing a whirlwind of things. As young Filipinos who witnessed her evolution in the show, she was more than that.

Without Jasmine knowing it, she has become an idol for young Filipinos who are searching for their place in the sun. At a time when you value this rock of the

and tonight, she craves the director who—some drama and enthralling confidence of a girl can so sing her way into everyone's heart. But since Steven Cantelo has been anyone who has had her efforts.

Now they all want to be like Jasmine—the girl who had it all.

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# Products for a flawless pre-makeup face

I can spot a good makeup artist in two seconds; a bad makeup artist in five. Just take your pick in their makeup how-to sections: a one-foundation-to-rule-them-all distance technique currently runs amok.

Have you for those who think that cake foundation is the only option as far as creating a flawless canvas for color is concerned. Please do these "makeup artists." These guys are the decade-old compact already and even women that far away from looking like angels in photos.

The art of the makeup line is tricky, and I think I know why my little people like me and others so perfect it. A line is, after all, "bare" after foundation is applied, and makeup is supposed to be about skin. What most people don't realize is how an imperfect face can significantly self-correct flaws, grace, and joy of their impact.

It's time to leave the "bare" and have an eye for eye. These guys are all you'll need for a flawless pre-makeup face—or at least the foundation.

Consider this your line-up: foundation primer, foundation, concealer and powder. Depending on your skin type and the clarity of your complexion, you can skip one or two of all of them. Study your skin complexion and see what you need. Because while a great face must be worked on, no one wants to see layers of products where they shouldn't be.

## Primer primer

For primers if you need to see gray—there are almost with all-around properties. Most primers have great skin-care benefits, too, so make the most of the money available in the market today.

**Maybelline UV Underline.** There are days when this is all I need after my skin-care regimen. This cooling cream gives my face an extra touch and leaves it feeling fresh and smooth. It doesn't leave me looking heavily made up. I love the dewy finish that goes perfectly well with just a hint of blush, stain and gloss. This is your best bet when you want something more polished than just facial moisturizer.

**Maybelline UV White Base.** A really really light facial lotion that almost feels like moisturizer. While it doesn't give much coverage on its own, it does a pretty good job of making regular foundation work better—the results are always smoother and more flawless when this is used in synergy with either liquid or powder foundation. I love SPF and the skin-care benefits give all-day-even-even-even.



## Concealer cheat sheet

Ah, concealer! It's the product of your skin doesn't mean either (most) makes any kind of makeup slide off it is the whole of the day, you can live on concealer. This is a definite golden rule: there will be less than perfect eye area (and nose).

**Skincel.** The Skincel (the Concealer Concealer) I will use—and I mean—and allow myself to stretch as much as I can where concealer will be doing left and right without even a shadow of this product on my face. This is the most phenomenal concealer I've ever seen, and it is meant to adjust to any kind of lighting. The mix is white, yellow, red, green, blue and orange-colored lighting, and I will gladly find you experience perfect results just because I know that if a concealer was made being mine, I wouldn't have to worry about concealer spots appearing on my face. The two shades in all companies are in concealer and matched to your exact skin tone, so don't worry about having to change concealer when you're out in public (or not).

Skincel  
Concealer

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## Foundation: hand!

Foundation is just a fancy term for all products falling under the Perfect Your Skin category. But since there are heavy-duty ones available on makeup counters, I might as well share my best ones.

**Maybelline Great Skin's foundation.** The cheapest, most economical one that really works, especially for young skin that needs help in the coverage department. I use it with a damp sponge when I feel like being a little bit more, but the gel



foundation looks as light as water when applied like makeup artist.

**Maybelline Baby Skin Foundation.** The best yellow-based shade and the smoothest consistency among all other liquid foundations out there. It's easy to blend and adjusts well to your own skin tone, so there's no need to be suddenly switch shade when you use just a bit. The great thing about using this

one—they're the best make, ever.

## Perfect powder

Now that you've covered everything on and around what needs to be covered, and the dust-without good base powder. Don't just settle for your old compact applied with a brush, loose powder products are much finer and really set your foundation. Take around that compact for touch-ups, instead.

**Maybelline Pure Day Loose Powder.** Again, I'm going for the affordable one that does the job. My favorite shade is Pure Camo, which is more like a translucent powder because it goes with any skin tone even when I'm a paler. I like using the puff before I set my face off with a brush—and I also use the powder to set the other products before I do this.

**Maybelline UV Pure Day Loose Powder.** Skin All-in-One (Hydrate and Smooth) or Skin All-in-One (Hydrate and Smooth).

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MAYBELLINE Pure Day Loose Powder (left) and Maybelline UV Underline (right)







# LIFESTYLE

## Do blondes have more fun?

I have been here since a week since hair color decided to magically transform my black longest into bleached blondness.

The last time I did this, I remember, I looked like Pinocchio of Indonesia, but that was what we were going for.

I looked at the mirror of the bar at Rustan's while getting ready for the 1st MTV Style Awards, and I was struck by one of my, well, long hair covering one side of my face (which, ac-



Yoko

Looking to Gema's Myra Stone in the midst of youth. And then I realized I looked like Adam.

o.k.s. (Adam?) (By the way, of Gema Stone?)

So, instead of looking like an Asian version of Hugh Grant (as he is in "mummy"), I decided to have my hair up, somewhat styled, in an expensive braid. I looked again in the mirror and I felt like the monkey king in those old Chinese movies where you lift it when you were high. Oh well. The next was Shirley or the blonde had three times when they wished they weren't blonde.

But being the one being had for it, I realize, for me, I don't

WEDNESDAY



SHIRLEY: The blonde has three times when they wished they weren't blonde. Shirley is the blonde.

MTV super Pin: Pin, Sarah, and Gema



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## Big hearts wanted

HELP you learn driving your time in making the world a better place? Have you been playing your time for good cause? Do you have creative abilities to share?

Join "Change the World Through Volunteerism: The Search for the Best Student Volunteer."

We are looking for the college students with a passion for volunteerism. You can nominate yourself or nominate someone else you know.

Send us a photo copy of the nominee's school ID, photo of the nominee and answers to the questionnaire:

Name  
Age  
School  
Course

Tell us about your volunteer experience (past/present/organization).

Which cause are you most passionate about? (e.g., poverty, environment, etc.).

Why should you be chosen as the Best Student Volunteer?

Entries will be sent to "Change the World Through Volunteerism: The Search for the Best Student Volunteer," Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI). Don't miss this chance to win a trip to Manila, Hawaii, and Maui. Send your nomination to: PDI, c/o Manila, Hawaii, and Maui. Send your nomination to: PDI, c/o Manila, Hawaii, and Maui.

Deadline of submission is on Oct. 11, 12 noon. All nominees will automatically receive a gift pack from Manila, Hawaii, and Maui.

We will be selecting 20 nominees who will each get a gift pack from Manila, Hawaii, and Maui.

On Oct. 24, Manila, Hawaii, and Maui will have a whole-day event at the KMD Tent called "NP: Volunteer in the City." It is celebration of the third anniversary of Manila, Hawaii, and Maui.

This event, which is sponsored by KMD, Inc., Manila, Hawaii, and Maui, will be a two-day celebration of the anniversary of volunteerism. At this event, the top 20 nominees will be awarded their trip to Maui, Hawaii, and Maui. They will also be awarded a gift pack from Manila, Hawaii, and Maui.

The three best nominees will also be announced at this event, along with the winner of the People's Choice category.

Manila, Hawaii, and Maui will also be holding a contest.

Oh, yes, because your big heart and generous spirit deserve to be in the spotlight.





EdMCat/Christopher Richard Gutierrez and Teri Sue Gutierrez participated in the event.



MCB's speed breeder, among other Dingbong Dunkies and Corgi, Francis Exodine.



**HOT, HOT, HOT.** The five Hot Babes on Rag girls



**Great race,  
great day**

Text and photos by J.R. Williams  
 2017 Cove Expeditions

**I**T WAS A bustling Friday in the West. The boat and pontoon lined up the banks of Spokane, a world-class canoeing race track in Tugay. As the last leg of a series of events to launch Nike's new line of athletic gear, the celebrity canoeing challenge gathered the country's top celebrities from show biz and academia.

With music all over my body, I headed to wait the registration area quickly to sign up. But I had to wait a few more minutes when my name wasn't on the guest list. In spite of all, the reception people weren't a bit nervous. The music was cleared up soon, thanks to the *Panama* public house.

Inside the confines of the press-and-cake-hygiene unit, I settled down to compose myself. I found myself could write, scream and spit.

Present were Sen. Mike Bicker, who was later charged by various authors with incest, Sen. Rep. Francisco Sanchez, Mike Rosen and Albert Gandy, Richard Gomez, who was joined by his wife Lucy and daughter Andie Wilson, Proctor, Anaconda, Chingling Giamis, Donald Ordo, Albert Martinez, Mary Jackson, Ray Martinez, Brad Torrey, Geoff Neidinger, Ray Martinez, Mary Abajo, Paula Pineda, Ray Aguado, Bobby Sanchez, David Rastay, Jay Graham, Jay Marquez, Paula Williams, Ernest Hernandez, international singer Rauli Martin, Roman Chirophery, Michael Cantara, Juan Aguado, Bernard and Maria Palencia and David Martinez.

Female participants included Oyes Castiella, Agneta Inday, Ramon Villanueva, Yocela Jorles, Jaelin Woods, Diana Zubieli, Eileen, LJ Blumie and Phoenicia Ramonillo. (Listing of the event with hosts Martin Vlasov and Jackie Castiella who both lived up to the name with hair wavy).

Flag girls Joss Ramscholt, Kate Agostini and Corinne Hernandez stand up the pit crew with their own's feelings.

In the audience were Gary Valenciano, Mylene Daza, Genena Cruz, with son Francis, Ana Curtis, C. Tangi and Liza Martinez.

The growth lagged almost non-Paula Berlusconi, of course Silvio Berlusconi. The finished

Covering the event was a challenge. Filming every event and at the same time trying to show every moment worth capturing it.



THE COVERED CHAPTER



PATRICIA junior with Emilio Herrera

my digital cart was an arduous task, but thanks to people from the Puentes public relations team, I didn't feel exhausted at the end of the night.

We capped the night with a meal of cold beer and enjoyed a perfect sunset by Salt A. At the end of the day some came home with capfish and crabs, others were empty-handed. But because of the fellowship and the good will, it seemed everyone came home a winner.

Speakers at The War began every day except Monday 3 p.m. to 12 midnight.



LIPOCHELINS: Jackie Furbeck, Karen Williams, Sheree and Dave Eubert

Gary Valenciano's son Paolo won the race, but with the new friendships built, everyone was a winner.



QUOTED BY—country of origin